

Faculty : Expressive Arts
 Subject : Music – Key Stage 4



St John Fisher
 Catholic High School

Faculty Introduction:

The Music department is a well resourced department consisting of two large teaching spaces all equipped with keyboards and Sibelius. Three good sized practice rooms equipped with pianos and drum kits. There is also a recording studio ‘MAC room’ housing state of the art Apple recording suite to be used by music students from year 9 upwards. Individual instrumental lessons with high quality visiting peripatetic teachers covering singing, piano, woodwind, guitar and drums.



Topics/Modules to be covered over 2 years:

AQA GCSE Music 4270

- Unit 1: Listening to and Appraising Music 42701
- Unit 2: Composing and Appraising Music 42702
- Unit 3: Performing Music 42703
- Unit 4: Composing Music 42704

- Areas of study:
1. Rhythm & Metre
 2. Harmony & Tonality
 3. Texture & Melody
 4. Timbre & Dynamics
 5. Structure & Form

These will be explored through three Strands of Learning:

- a) The Western Classical Tradition
- b) Popular Music of the 20th & 21st centuries
- c) World Music

Assessment:

- Unit 1: Written Paper
1 hour – 80 marks – 20%
- Unit 2: Externally assessed
40 marks – 20%
- Unit 3: Controlled Assessment
60 marks – 40%
- Unit 4: Controlled Assessment
30 marks – 20%

Homework expectations/key deadlines:

Home work is set weekly and should take a minimum of 1 hour to complete. This will include compositional exercises, instrumental development (not including daily/weekly practice), written musical appraisals and listening tasks. Students have the opportunity to study grade 1-5 music theory and be entered for external examinations.

Enrichment activities

Extra curricular:

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| SJF singers | Pop choir |
| Festival choir | Concert Bandits |
| Guitar club | Ukelele Club |
| Drum Club | Music theory club |

Period 5 on Wednesday for catch up sessions

Events:

- Fisher Arts Festival
- School Show
- Open mic
- Religious events
- Summer showcase

Useful websites for revision/revision guides/exam boards:

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| http://gb.abrsm.org/en/home | http://www.musictheory.net/ |
| http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/music/ | http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/music |

